

Dear Election District Representatives, Members of the Maryland General Assembly, and Members of Congress,

I am writing as a constituent to respectfully express my opposition to House Bill 0488 and to urge an unfavorable vote on this legislation.

A favorable vote on HB 0488 would have serious and troubling consequences for representation in Maryland. Specifically, it would leave more than 24% of Maryland's population without congressional representation at the federal level. Such an outcome runs counter to the fundamental principles of representative democracy and risks disenfranchising a significant portion of the state's residents.

Beyond this concern, HB 0488 in its current form raises important questions regarding its long-term implications, equity, and overall benefit to the public. I believe these issues warrant careful reconsideration before any action is taken.

As elected officials entrusted with representing the interests of your election districts and the people of Maryland, I respectfully ask that you prioritize fairness, accountability, and full representation for all constituents. Until these concerns are fully addressed, I urge you to oppose HB 0488.

In addition, Governor Moore has indicated in a recent news outlet interview that this redistricting is "the will of the people." It is not. We were not consulted; the redistricting committee has acted with an attempt at secrecy to move this bill through without proper time for citizen input during a major snowstorm. It is my belief that if your ideas have merit, then you do not need to resort to these tactics to push them through. The Eastern Shore and Cecil and Harford Counties are majority Republican, and it does not make logical sense that we would want our voice to be so substantially erased in political matters for the state of Maryland. This is gaslighting on top of a betrayal, which is unconscionable behavior from our legislature and Governor.

Thank you for your time, your public service, and your continued commitment to representing the people of Maryland. I appreciate your attention to this matter and your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,
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